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Lead Levels in Pets

[Flint's Water Crisis Takes Toll on Pets](#)

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Humans aren't the only ones affected by the water crisis in Flint, Michigan. Dogs also have been exposed to lead, and, thanks to the efforts of Michigan State University's veterinary school, a number of them are getting tested around the city.

[Dogs in Flint getting tested as well for lead toxicity](#)

By Mike Householder, AP for WDAM 7 05/11/16 2:43 AM

Humans aren't the only victims of the water crisis in Flint, as pets also may have been exposed to the toxic lead. An effort coordinated by Michigan State University is now helping dogs get tested. The school's College of Veterinary Medicine has hosted screening events with professors, students and technicians volunteering to draw blood from dogs. State veterinarian James Averill said 266 dogs have been tested so far, with seven documented cases of lead toxicity. "I thought the water was OK, and I was giving it to my dogs," said Katie Jobe, a Flint resident who brought Missy and Molly in for testing after discovering spots on Missy's hindquarters.

Dogs in Flint being tested for lead toxicity amid water crisis

By Chicago Tribune, 05/11/16 9:13 AM

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Other News

Snyder on facing boos in Flint: It was something I should do

By Josh Sidorowicz, FOX 17 West Michigan 05/11/16 5:03 PM

One week after meeting with President Barack Obama in Flint amid the ongoing water crisis, Gov. Rick Snyder said he understood the anger directed at him from people who booed his appearance. Snyder could barely be heard over raucous catcalls and boos when he attempted to address a crowd of more than 1,000 people who were waiting to hear the President speak inside Flint's Northwestern High School on May 4.

Former emergency manager: Flint officials assured him river water was safe

By Ron Fonger, MLIVE 05/11/16 3:35 PM

Former emergency manager Darnell Earley says city workers assured him they could make the Flint River safe to drink before distributing it to citizens two years ago. In written comments last week to the Congressional Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Earley says former Department of Public Works director Howard Croft told him river water "could and would be treated to meet (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality) and (U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency) safe drinking water standards."

Lessenberry discusses Flint water hearings and Detroit Public Schools

By Jack Lessenberry & Jayne Bower, Michigan Radio 05/11/16 12:30 PM [radio clip]

This Week in Michigan Politics, Jack Lessenberry talks about the end of Flint water hearings in Lansing and whether Detroit's struggling school district will get the cash infusion it needs from the state.

Chamber honors Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha

By Alex Tekip, C&G News 05/11/16

Pediatrician Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha has garnered national and international recognition for her role in exposing the link between Flint river water and lead poisoning, and advocating for the children and families of Flint affected by the water crisis. The Chaldean-American Chamber of Commerce has been presenting the Humanitarian of the Year award since 2006. Martin Manna, president of the Chaldean-American Chamber of Commerce, said the organization is committed to honoring service as well as business, and wanted to honor Dr. Mona for her fearlessness in fighting for Flint.

Funding & Donations

Philanthropies pledge \$125 million for Flint

By Devin Henry, The Hill 05/11/16 4:59 PM

Ten foundations are pledging \$125 million to support Flint. Mich.'s recovery from a water contamination crisis, they announced on Wednesday. The coalition of groups is led by the Flint-based Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, which is providing \$100 million over five years for the effort. The funding will go toward clean drinking water, children's health, education, community engagement and economic revitalization in the community.

NYC teens delivering bottled water collected in YMCA drive to Flint families

By Metro 05/11/16 5:09 PM

Even with hundreds of miles separating them, teens from across New York City are showing families affected by the Flint water crisis that distance means nothing in extending a helping hand. A group of six teens — from Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island — are set to hit the road on Thursday to travel to Flint, Michigan where they will deliver cases of water to the Downtown YMCA. Bottled water has been made available to close to 2,000 families at the Flint YMCA after the city dealt with contaminated drinking water. In 2014, the city switched its water source from Detroit's municipal system to the Flint River to save money. The water from the river turned out to be more corrosive and caused lead to get into the water supply from aging pipes — contaminating people's drinking water.

Ten foundations donate \$125M for Flint recovery efforts

By Jim Lynch, Detroit News 05/11/16 3:50 PM

Flint is receiving \$125 million in private foundation support to help the city get back on its feet two years after water contamination issues surfaced. Led by the Flint-based Charles W. Mott Foundation, the collective of 10 community organizations is committing the private donations to six areas of concern. In addition to improving the city's water quality, they would go to bolstering family health programs, early education, economic development efforts, local engagement in the city's problems and Flint's non-profit agencies.

Philanthropic groups pledge \$125M for recovery from Flint water crisis

By Molly Young, MLIVE 05/11/16 9:57 AM

Ten groups, including three Flint-based foundations, have pledged to donate a total of \$125 million to restore the community in the aftermath of the Flint water crisis. Foundations across the country announced their support for the plan of support, which identifies six areas of relief for residents affected by lead exposure both immediately and in the long term.

Foundations join to pledge millions for Flint water crisis

By Click on Detroit 05/11/16 8:07 AM

Ten foundations are pledging tens of millions of dollars toward helping Flint recover from the crisis spurred by lead-contaminated drinking water. Participants plan to commit a total of nearly \$125 million to the collaborative effort. The organizations announced their support Wednesday, led by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. The Flint-based organization said it's committing \$50 million in new and existing grants this year and up to \$100 million overall during the next five years.

Flint Residents to Receive Free Health-Related Items

By, Ronelle Grier Chabad.org 05/11/16 4:32 AM

Families and children affected by the ongoing water crisis in Flint, Mich., will receive an innovative new bathing product designed for use with a minimal amount of water, thanks to the combined efforts of the Chabad of Eastern Michigan, the Jewish Federation of Flint and other local agencies. The product by the Mars Wellness company, called Latherz, is an all-in-one bathing sponge with a water-activated soapy solution. A small amount of water (about 3 oz.) produces enough thick lather to thoroughly cleanse a child or adult. The solution is removed using a dry sponge or towel, resulting in a clean, freshly showered feeling with minimal water use.

Foundations join to pledge millions amid Flint water crisis

By Jeff Karoub AP 05/11/16 1:36 AM

Ten local, state and national foundations pledged tens of millions of dollars Wednesday toward helping Flint recover from the crisis spurred by lead contamination and other problems with its drinking water. The effort is led by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, a longtime Flint-based organization founded by an automotive pioneer that's committing \$50 million in new and existing grants this year and \$100 million overall during the next five years. The money aims to support work in six areas: safe drinking water, health care, early education, nonprofits, community engagement and economic development. Other groups pledging money for Flint are the Carnegie Corp. of New York and the Ford, Kresge, Robert Wood Johnson, Skillman, W.K. Kellogg, Hagerman, Ruth Mott and FlintNOW foundations. Others are expected to join them.

Major foundations giving Flint \$125 million

By Steve Carmody, Michigan Radio 05/11/16 12:00 AM

Ten major charitable foundations plan to spend nearly \$125 million to help the city of Flint. Today's announcement touches on practically every aspect of life in the Vehicle City, from education to the economy; from providing health care to making sure the city's water is safe to drink. The money is coming from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, Carnegie Corporation of New York, FlintNOW Foundation, Ford Foundation, The Hagerman Foundation, The Kresge Foundation, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Ruth Mott Foundation, Skillman Foundation and W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Organizers hope to attract more support from additional groups in the future.

Not waiting for government, philanthropy steps up to help Flint

By Nancy Derringer, Bridge Magazine 05/11/16

Flint's recovery received a welcome jolt today, as 10 foundations based in Michigan or with roots here announced a charitable gift of up to nearly \$125 million, with most support connected to Flint's ongoing water crisis. Far from another bottled-water donation, the foundations vowed to support programs in such areas as early childhood education, health interventions for residents exposed to high lead levels, and economic development in this long-struggling city.

Foundations pledge nearly \$125M to Flint recovery

By Matthew Dolan, Detroit Free Press 05/11/16 12:52 AM

A group of local and national foundations plan to spend nearly \$125 million to help Flint as state and federal officials continue to debate additional funding for the city's years-long drinking water crisis. Leading the pack with a pledge of up to \$100 million for the city over the next five years is the Flint-based Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. The foundation named for the businessman and former Flint mayor said it will donate \$50 million to recovery efforts in the city this year alone, according to its president.

In Flint, is philanthropy stepping in for government?

By Jessica Mendoza, Christian Science Monitor, 05/11/16

Funds are about to flood into Flint, Mich. – but they're not coming from the government. Ten charitable organizations are pledging a combined \$125 million to help the city recover from its water crisis, which has left anywhere from 6,000 to 12,000 children exposed to dangerous levels of lead. The money will go toward subsidizing ongoing water testing, supporting local community groups, and revitalizing Flint's sagging economy, among other efforts, the groups announced Wednesday. The efforts are meant to provide short-term relief as well as long-term assistance – and underscore a growing trend among nonprofits to pool resources to move quickly where bureaucracy bogs down government response.

Opinions

Crisis in Flint Lingers; Faith Rises Amid Faces of the Poisoned

By John W. Fountain, Huffington Post 05/11/16 4:20 PM

Through the predawn darkness, the coach bus carrying a reporting team of Roosevelt University journalism students and me, their professor, rolled across Interstate 94 through a wintry mix, from Chicago to this former Midwest automotive giant. Our mission—at least for the first leg of our journey—was twofold: To report as part of a convergence project in the capstone undergraduate course but also to volunteer, helping to pass out supplies to the people of Flint. We arrived to find the relief operation bustling. No identification needed. No hassle. Only human kindness.

9 questions about the Flint water crisis answered

By John Counts, MLIVE 05/11/16 9:12 AM

We recently put out a call to the public to send us what questions still remain about the Flint water crisis following our MLive investigation. We found that many readers still had unanswered, critical questions.

Reassurance is not enough for Flint residents

Letters to the Editor, Washington Post 05/10/16

I am a lifelong Democrat and generally support President Obama, although his overdue visit to Flint, Mich., on May 4 was a disappointment. That he sipped Flint water, filtered or otherwise, imagined aloud that he must have eaten a lead paint chip as a 2-year-old and remarked of Flint's children, "They will be fine . . . as long as we're looking after them," discounted the seriousness of a yet-developing emergency. Reassurance is not prompt, accountable corrective action. In the last months of the president's term, in addition to ongoing medical and educational interventions, we need an aggressive timetable for full replacement of all Flint water lines before the snow returns to Michigan.

Claims Against Mayor Weaver

Flint hires immigration attorney to investigate claims against mayor

By Gary Ridley, MLIVE 05/11/16 4:44 PM

An immigration attorney has been retained by the city of Flint to investigate whistleblowing claims made against Mayor Karen Weaver by a fired city administrator. But, news of the special

investigator came as a surprise to the city council. The attorney for former Flint City Administrator Natasha Henderson was sent a letter from Okemos-based attorney Brendon Basiga stating he has been hired by the city to conduct an "independent investigation" into accusations raised by former city administrator Natasha Henderson.

Flint mayor diverted water-crisis money to political PAC, suit says

By Sara Ganim, CNN 05/11/16 3:56 PM

The mayor of Flint, Michigan, reacted to a federal lawsuit which claims donors were directed away from a charity for victims of the city's water crisis and toward a fund sharing a name with her campaign fund Wednesday, calling the allegations "outrageously false." In the suit filed Monday, fired administrator Natasha Henderson claims that in February 2016, Flint's current mayor, Karen Weaver, directed a former city employee and a city volunteer to stop directing potential donors to a charity called Safe Water/Safe Homes. That charity was run by the Community Foundation of Greater Flint and had been approved by the city for water-crisis donations.

Flint mayor: Whistleblower claims 'outrageously false'

By Jonathan Oosting, Detroit News 05/11/16 3:49 PM

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver said Wednesday a whistleblower lawsuit filed this week against her and the city contains "outrageously false claims" that her attorney will fight. Former City Administrator Natasha Henderson sued Weaver on Monday in U.S. District Court in Flint, alleging she was wrongfully terminated after reporting the mayor had asked another city employee to redirect water crisis donations into a political fund.

Council not told of whistleblowing claims before vote to fire city official

By Gary Ridley, MLIVE 05/10/16 6:24 PM

City council members were unaware Flint's former administrator was asking for an investigation into the city's newly elected mayor when they voted to terminate her contract, a city councilman said. City Councilman Scott Kincaid said Tuesday, May 10, that council members were never told former City Administrator Natasha Henderson had allegedly asked the city attorney's office to launch an investigation into concerns Mayor Karen Weaver may have been telling staff to direct water crisis donations to her own personal funds.

Senate resolution opposes Wisconsin city's proposal to divert Lake Michigan water

By Virginia Gordan, Michigan Radio 05/11/16 5:30 PM

The request of Waukesha, Wisconsin to divert water from the Great Lakes should be rejected, according to a resolution introduced today in the Michigan Senate. The resolution says Waukesha's request does not meet some of the requirements set by the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact for permitting a water diversion.

One city's solution to drinking water contamination? Get rid of every lead pipe.

By Darryl Fears & Brady Dennis, Washington Post 05/10/16 6:32 PM

Long before Flint, Mich., faced a water-contamination crisis, this city dealt with one of its own. The local utility had sampled residents' tap water in accordance with the federal government's new Lead and Copper Rule and discovered unacceptable levels of lead. But Madison's response was like hitting a gnat with a sledgehammer. It was so aggressive that only one other major municipality in the United States has followed its approach so far. It's also why some people now call Madison the anti-Flint, a place where water problems linked to the toxic substance simply couldn't happen today.

Chicken pox on the rise in Michigan

By Kate Wells, Michigan Radio 05/11/16 5:00 PM

Chicken pox cases are up nearly 60% from this time last year, state health officials say. The majority of those 239 cases were people who hadn't been vaccinated.

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